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The Honorable Michael Powell Chairman Federal Communications Commission **445** 12th Street, **SW** Washington, D C 20554

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Dear Chairman Powell:

Please consider my suggestion regarding the reassessment of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. If natural gas sales can be separated from the natural gas distribution system, why can't this model be used for telephone service?

I believe that the Regional Bells should be split into an access business that provides the pipe from their central offices to the homes and by charter restricted from selling services directly to consumers (except for wire and phone maintenance). This new company would then sell access to the customer to both the Regional Bells and all of their new competition on an equal basis. This new company would be the only regulated monopoly business in the picture.

Sincerely,

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